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MERCHANTS AND IMPORTATION OF FOOD-STUFFS

115. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether at the time of scarcity merchants had approached the Government for permission to get down food-stuffs from outside on their own initiative and responsibility?

(*b*) was permission denied by Government in such cases;

(*c*) if so, what are the reasons?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Permission was given at first but after Government took on responsibility of direct procurement, it had to be refused.

(*c*) The early applications were mostly for the import of rice. Quotas were given therefore but most of the quota-holders failed either completely or partially, to import the rice. The system was found to require radical change as the State was on the verge of serious food crisis. This necessitated the State taking on responsibility for direct procurement.

ARECANUT MARKETING SOCIETY IN TALAPPALLY

116. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) was there not an Arecanut Marketing Society in Talapally Taluk organised during the days of the last economic depression;

(*b*) does it function now;

(*c*) if not what was the reason for its winding up;

(*d*) were there persons in its management whose personal interest were in conflict with those of the society;

(*e*) what aid did the Government give to that society?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The society worked satisfactorily during the initial stages. But due to the apathy of the members, competition of private traders, and the very bad slump in the arecanut market, the business done was not on a large scale and the society had to sustain severe loss. In such circumstances the society's registration had to be cancelled.

(*d*) Government are not aware that such persons were in its management.

(*e*) The society was given loans to the extent of Rs. 5,500. The pay of the Secretary was also met by Government.

CHETTUPUZHA VILLAGE COURT

117. Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) which all Panchayats comprise the Chettupuzha Village Court;

(*b*) how many members are there in each of the said Panchayats;

(*c*) how many members of the Ayyanthole Panchayat are represented in the Chettupuzha Village Court and how many from the Erava Panchayat;

(*d*) on what basis are the members of the Village Court selected?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) (1) Erava Panchayat (2) Pullazhi and portions of Ayyanthole and Aranattukara Villages of Ayyanthole Panchayat.

(*b*) In Erava Panchayat—5 members. In Ayyanthole Panchayat constituting Pullazhi, Ayyanthole, Aranattukara and Punkunnam Villages—7 members.

(*c*) One member from the Erava Panchayat and one member from the Ayyanthole Panchayat have been nominated as Judges of the Chettupuzha Village Court.

(*d*) The members (Judges) of the Village Courts are nominated on the basis of their efficiency and ability, always keeping in view communal representation wherever possible and the qualifications prescribed in Rule 3 of the Cochin Village Court Rules of 1118.

IRRIGATION WORK—CHATHAN CHIRA—KUMARANELLUR VILLAGE

118. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if any Irrigation Work has been taken up at Chathan Chira in Kumaranellur Village, Talappally Taluk;